



# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
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## **2015-16 Hunting Program Changes & Highlights** **Updated September 8, 2015**

**I. Opening of hunting season for Sacramento, Delevan, and Colusa National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) will be Saturday, October 24, 2015. Last day of the regular season will be Sunday, January 31, 2016.**

**II. Sutter NWR will be closed to hunting until further notice.** There is a post-1914 water curtailment on the hunt area within the Sutter Bypass due to the drought. Visit the drought webpage for more information.

### **III. In-season Junior Waterfowl Hunts**

1. Sacramento NWR – Saturday, December 5, 2015
2. Delevan NWR – Saturday, December 12, 2015

### **IV. Check Station Operation during Holidays**

1. Check stations will open at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1, 2016 for the weekend hunts.

### **V. Special Monday Pheasant Hunts**

1. A Special Monday Pheasant Hunt will occur on November 16 at Sacramento, Delevan and Colusa NWRs. The same hunter processing procedures from previous years will be followed. See the DFW hunting regulations booklet for details.

### **VI. Quotas**

#### **Free Roam Hunting Quotas When Fully Flooded**

	<u>2015</u>
Sacramento NWR	65
Delevan NWR	50
Colusa NWR West	14
East	34
Sutter NWR	25

#### **Number of Assigned Ponds and Blinds When Fully Flooded**

	<u>AP</u>	<u>Blinds</u>
Sacramento NWR	10	36
Delevan NWR	11	18 (Blind 28 was switched to an AP)
Colusa NWR	13	(increase)
Sutter NWR	12	

## VII. Daily Reservation Draws (RD)

		<u># RD</u>	<u># RD for Hunters with Disabilities</u>
Sacramento NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	59	3
Delevan NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	39	3
Colusa NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	23	2 (increase)
Sutter NWR	<b>Fully flooded</b>	17	1

## VIII. Changes on the hunt areas of Sacramento NWRC

1. If Sutter NWR is able to open, assigned ponds 16 and 17 were split into three individual hunt sites to reduce hunter conflict and to improve the hunting quality of the unit. This change will be evaluated through hunter and DFW check station staff feedback.
2. Colusa NWR:
  - a. Converting T24.3 in the West Side FR into an AP
  - b. Converting AP 10 into a Jr. Hunting AP and P1C into an adult AP
3. Delevan NWR:
  - a. Converting blind 28 into an assigned pond.
  - b. Disabled blind site 30D will be moved to T27.2 directly south of the check station
  - c. Directional route to Blind 12 will be re-routed
4. Sacramento NWR:
  - a. Concrete pit blinds for Blinds 14A and 20 will be switched out with brand new blinds
  - b. One 2 man pit blind will be added into T24.3 in the FR area
  - c. One additional 2 man pit blind will be added into T31.2 in the FR area
  - d. Blinds 6 and 40 will be re-routed

## IX. Hunting Maps for Sacramento, Delevan, Colusa, Sutter NWRs:

Visit the website to print the current hunting maps

<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento/Hunting.html>